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Dear Fellow Educators:

I have known Dayle for 29 years now, since she was an elementary school student of mine. She has returned many times to my school since completing her B.A. in Dramatic Arts, and her M. S. in Elementary Education. Dayle's Master's project which she performed here was entitled: "We, The People". It was a musical, emphasizing that America is a nation of immigrants whose contributions helped to make our country great. Dayle explored this theme through the use of costumes, characters and songs. The children were drawn into the program with active participation.

Dayle's "Musical Faces Of Magical Places" shows that entertainment can be educational and that education can be entertaining.

Dayle's shows are well researched and include such topics as: America, A Celebration; Hall Of Presidents; Christmas And Chanukah Around The World; Broadway For Young People and International Folksongs.

Dayle teaches students to be inquisitive, to be appreciative of their foreign heritages, and to be proud to be Americans.

By respecting each other's cultural differences, the children learn that they can create a more tolerant and peaceful world in which to live.

I strongly recommend Dayle Friedman's programs to other schools. Her themes are relevant to life in the 1990's for our children.

Sincerely,

James J. Smith

Principal

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